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SUBJ: ZAMBIA UNABLE TO HOST OAU SAHARA SUMMIT

1. IN SEPTEMBER 11 SPEECH IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA ANNOUNCED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY,

ZAMBIA WILL BE UNABLE TO HOST THE EXTRAORDINARY OAU SUMMIT OF THE SAHARA SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH. IN VIEW OF THE BLACKOUT AND CURFEW IN EFFECT IN LUSAKA AND OTHER ZAMBIAN CITIES AND INCREASED TENSIONS WITH RHODESIA, KAUNDA SAID THAT ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE AND OAU SECRETARY GENERAL ETEKI HAVE BEEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED WHY IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HOLD THE SPECIAL SUMMIT IN LUSAKA.

2. KAUNDA SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED TO CHOOSE ANOTHER SITE BECAUSE "AT THE MOMENT WE CANNOT LOOK AFTER THEM PROPERLY IN TERMS OF SECURITY." THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT SHOULD THE SITUATION IMPROVE BY JANUARY OR FEBRUARY,

ZAMBIA WOULD THEN BE WILLING TO HOST THE SUMMIT. LOW

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